

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 426

BY: HORNER

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN; AMENDING SECTION 25, CHAPTER 312, O.S.L. 1982 (10 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1129), WHICH RELATES TO DELINQUENT, DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN; CLARIFYING STATUTORY REFERENCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 25, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 1982 (10 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1129), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1129. Chapter 51 of this ~~title~~ Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title, shall be liberally construed, to the end that its purpose may be carried out, to wit:

1. That the care and custody and discipline of the child shall approximate, as nearly as may be, that which should be given by its parents, and that, as far as practicable, any delinquent child shall not be treated as a criminal.

2. That the public policy of this state is to assure adequate and appropriate care and treatment for any child, to allow for the use of the least restrictive method of treatment consistent with the

treatment needs of the child and, in the case of delinquents, the protection of the public, to provide orderly and reliable procedures for the placement of a child alleged to be a child in need of treatment and to protect the rights of any child placed out of his home pursuant to law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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